

REMARKS

Claims 1-18, 20-21 and 23-29 were examined. Claims 1-7, 18, 20, 24, 26 and 28-29 are allowable over the prior art of record. Claims 8-13, 21, 23, 25 and 27 are rejected. With this amendment, Applicants cancel claims 8-17, 21, 23, 25 and 27. Accordingly, Applicants believe the Application is in a condition for allowance.

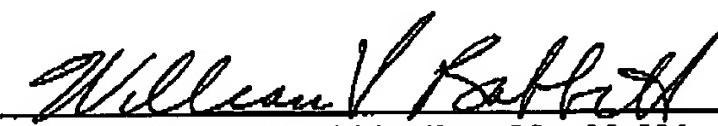
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending patentably define the subject invention over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date.

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